

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-6, 31 and 33-36 are pending in the present application, Claims 1 and 31 are amended, and Claims 2, 7-30, 32 and 37-60 stand withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species, but should be reintroduced if Claims 1 and 31 are allowed as is discussed below.

Support for amendments to the claims can be found, for example, in the specification beginning at page 31, line 11. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3-6, 31 and 33-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Nakamura et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,841,067, herein “Nakamura”).

Initially, applicant and applicant’s representative wish to thank Examiner Ngo for the interview granted applicant’s representative on December 15, 2005. During that interview the outstanding rejections were discussed in detail. Further, during that interview claim amendments were discussed to address the outstanding rejection and to clarify the claims. The present response sets forth the discussed claim amendments. During the interview applicant’s representative also pointed out distinctions between the claims and the applied art. During the interview the Examiner indicated he would further consider such claim amendments and differences when formally presented in a filed response.

Addressing now the rejection of Claims 1, 3-6, 31 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nakamura, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

In a non-limiting example, Fig. 2 of the present specification shows a housing structure 1 for reducing an electromagnetic disturbance wave generated at an electronic apparatus 2. The structure includes space forming parts (Slits) 3 that are positioned so that the

longitudinal direction of the space forming part 3 is along the surface electric current distribution created by sending an induced current 5 on the lid of the housing 1. In other words, the space forming parts 3 are perpendicular to a magnetic field distribution vector and thus they are in the direction of the induced current 5 from a center part of a revolution of the magnetic field distribution vector.

Amended Claim 1 recites, in part,

providing a space forming part within the housing for radiation of heat or wiring in the housing,
wherein the providing positions the space forming part so that a longitudinal direction of the space forming part is along a surface electric current distribution which would exist if the space forming part was not provided in the housing.

Claim 31 recites similar features.

As discussed in the interview and shown in Figure 3, Nakamura describes an opening in the housing (14) used for ventilation and interior inspection¹ and states that electromagnetic leakage from the opening is prevented. Further, Nakamura describes that the electromagnetic leakage is prevented by adhering a sheet (30) having a magnetic loss term in the vicinity of the opening (14).² However, Nakamura does not describe reducing electromagnetic disturbance using the relationship between the surface electric current and the electromagnetic wave.

In other words, Claim 1 describes using the placement of the space forming part to reduce electromagnetic disturbance, while Nakamura describes adhering a sheet having a magnetic loss term in the vicinity of the opening (14) to reduce electromagnetic disturbance. Furthermore, Nakamura describes a housing and an opening in the housing, but does not describe placing the opening in a longitudinal direction along a surface electromagnetic wave distribution.

¹ Nakamura, Col. 2, lines 1-2.

² Nakamura, Col. 4, lines 3-5.

Thus, as discussed in the interview, Nakamura does not describe all of the features recited in Claim 1 and similarly in Claim 31.

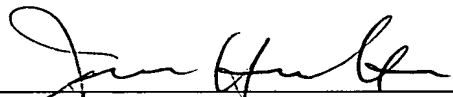
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 1 and similarly Claim 31, and claims depending therefrom, patentably distinguish over Nakamura.

Furthermore, applicants note withdrawn Claims 2, 7-30, 32, and 37-60 are pending in this application. Each of those claims depends from one of independent Claims 1 and 31. Thereby, the above-noted Claims 1 and 31 are generic to the claims dependent therefrom. Applicants request that as Claims 1 and 31 are allowable for the reasons noted above, that withdrawn Claims 2, 7-30, 32, and 37-60 must now be reintroduced.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-6, 31 and 33-36 is earnestly solicited.

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